

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

In placement of a plurality of signal wires in a shielded cable, a plurality of signal wires for transmitting digital signals of a relatively high frequency are placed adjacent to an outer shield with which the shielded cable is covered, and also adjacent ~~one~~ to one another. The degree of capacitive coupling maximized with respect to high-frequency signal wires is thereby maintained with stability, thus enabling impedance control. Also, a skew at the connection between the shielded cable and a connector can be reduced.. ~~Thus, a shielded cable is provided in which impedance control and skew control are easily and stably performed without using cost-increasing means such as addition of ground and power supply wires to improve signal quality.~~